(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Universalisation of Elementary Education

1807. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Government have taken some fresh steps to achieve the national target of 'Universalisation of Elementary Education'; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the new programme, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) The Government have decided to have a review made of the National Policy on Education, 1986, keeping in view, *inter alia*, its resolve to achieve compulsory universalisation of elementary education for children upto the age of 14 by the end of 1995. The modalities for the review are being worked out.

Joint Consultative Machinery Scheme for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1808. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the date on which the scheme of Joint Consultative Machinery for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was approved by the Board of Governors and the date from which it came into force:

(b) what are the details of the employees associations recognised for representation on the Council provided alongwith the details of the seats allotted to each of them;

(c) whether it is a fact the said council has not been constituted fully so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details thereof;

(e) whether any meeting of the full-fledged council has been ever held; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (f) The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) in May, 1985 approved the scheme of Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The JCM scheme of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been formulated on the pattern of the scheme of Government of India. The staff council under JCM of KVS could not be formed for about two years as the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association (AIKVTA) had filed a writ petition in Delhi High Court against the recognition of Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh (RKVAS), another association granted de jure recognition by KVS. Delhi High Court gave on interim order on 16/4/86 restraining the KVS from operating the JCM scheme. The writ petition was dismissed on 01/09/87 and the KVS constituted the JCM on 02/02/88. As per the constitution of JCM, 7 seats for the

staff side were allocated to the recognised associations as under provisionally, subject to verification of the relative strengths:

All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association	2
Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh	2
Kendriya Vidyalaya Non-Teaching Staff Association (KEVINTSA)	2
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Staff Association	1
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The Staff Council under JCM met twice on 7th March and 19th August, 1988 to finalise the rules for the conduct of business of the Council provided in the scheme. The AIKVTA filed writ petitions in Delhi High Court for restraining the KVS from holding the meeting of JCM. The writ petitions were dismissed by the High Court on 93|03|88 and 08/07/88. The allocation of seats to various recognised associations was reviewed again and in the light of the enrolment figures, the then Chairman, KVS ordered re-distribution of seats as under:—

All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association	3
Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh	2
Kendriya Vidyalaya Non-Teaching Staff Association	1
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Staff Association	1
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The Sangathan had planned to convene the meeting of JCM in the month of October, 1989. However, in the meantime, there was split in RKVAS and the two factions of this organisation held parallel national conventions at Delhi and Kanpur. Another association *viz.* Kendriya Vidyalaya Non-Teaching Staff Association also raised objection against the reduction of their seats from two to one on grounds of contravention of the constitution of the Scheme.

The VIKVTA also raised the following issues:

(i) The RKVAS is no longer a legal entity to be representated on the JCM as the minimum membership strength of 3150 as required for grant of recognition by the KVS is not enjoyed by RKVAS after their split and as such their recognition be withdrawn.

(ii) All the 5 seats allocated to the two teaching associations on JCM may be allotted to AIKVTA.

Keeping in view the above facts, the Sangathan sought the advice of Ministry of Law as to whether it would be legally in order for KVS to convene the meeting of Staff Council of JCM. The advice of Ministry of Law has been received and has been forwarded to the KVS for follow-up action.

Use of Paladium for atomic energy

1809. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increased scope of Paladium in the Development of Atomic Energy in view of the shortage of uranium in our country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and